

READING TEST 101

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Class: No. Name:

Benjamin Franklin was born in Boston. He was a poor boy of sixteen when he came to Philadelphia. He had gone to school only a few years, but he had studied hard at night and had read many fine books. When he reached Philadelphia, he went to work in a printing shop.

While he worked, he thought about all of the things he wanted the citizens to know. He started a newspaper of his own. He wrote about the needs of the city and of the country so that people could read about them.

Because he wanted more and more people to read and learn, he started the first public library in Philadelphia. He gave some of his books to the library, and some of his friends also gave some books. The people could come in and read whenever they wished.

1. Where was Franklin born?
 (A) In London. (B) In New York. (C) In Boston. (D) In Philadelphia.
2. When did he come to Philadelphia?
 (A) At 6 (B) At 16 (C) At 60 (D) At 80.
3. Which is true about Franklin's history?
 (A) He was a librarian. (B) He was a boss of a printing shop.
 (C) He studied at school for a long time. (D) He started a newspaper of his own.
4. Why did Franklin start the first public library in Philadelphia?
 (A) He had bought many books. (B) He wanted people to read and learn.
 (C) His friends donated old books. (D) People often came to him for help.
5. Which was **NOT** true about Franklin?
 (A) He was a self-made man. (B) He was a thoughtful man.
 (C) He is a hard-working man. (D) He was a needy man all his life.
6. Which is true?
 (A) The library Franklin started was not open to everyone.
 (B) Some of Franklin's friends offered fine books to the printing shop.
 (C) Franklin was not public-minded, so he communicated through writing.
 (D) What Franklin wrote was to reflect the wants of the people.

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- Look up the words underlined and write the Chinese meaning.
- You have to notice the meaning from the context.

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